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AMOUNT DEPOSIT IN EPFO
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount at present with the Employees Provident Fund Organisation;

(b) the modes of investment thereof;

(c) the returns therefrom and the manner in which it is being utilised; and

(d) the steps proposed to enhance the return on investment for the benefit of the contributors?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): Total Investment made by Employees Provident Fund Organisation as on 31.10.2004 was Rs. 1,33,479.51 Crores.

(b): Investment is made by the EPFO in accordance with investment pattern notified by the Central Government from time to time under Para 52 of Employees` Provident Fund Scheme, 1952, in the Central Government Securities, State Government Securities, State Development Bonds and Public Financial Institutions etc.

(c): The Projected return on investment made in the Employees` Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 for the year 2004-05, is to the tune of Rs.5,919.42 Crores. Returns received on investment are utilized for payment of interest to members of the Fund.

(d): To increase yield on investment, Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund has recommended to amend the investment pattern and to allow it to invest in Post office Term Deposits and National Savings Certificates. Further, the Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund has also recommended to enhance rate of interest on Special Deposit Scheme (SDS) in which Rs.53434.10 Crores of EPF deposits are invested as on 31.10.2004; and to allow reinvestment of interest on SDS in SDS itself.